6. The Government has introduced an advance version of Intra Uterine Device Cu. T 380-A, which remains effective for ten years. Emergency Contraceptive Pills, which is hormonal contraceptive that can be used to prevent pregnancy following an unprotected act of sexual intercourse within the past 72 hours, is also included in the programme.

Tariff reduction formula on access for non-agricultural goods

*18.SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) negotiating group on market access for non-agricultural goods has included a tariff reduction formula suggested by India in its revised note on formula approaches;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what way India's tariff reduction formula is different from the earlier one?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) India's specific tariff reduction proposal submitted on 30 December 2002 *vide* Document No. TN/MA/W/10 Add. 1 was reflected in the WTO Secretariat's compilation of the proposals submitted on tariff reduction modalities by Members to the Negotiating Group on Market Access for non-agricultural goods. However, it was not included in the Annex listing the formula reduction methods submitted by Members.

India refined its specific proposal by presenting it in a mathematical form with quantification of the flexibilities sought and submitted the same to the WTO on 14 March 2003 *vide* Document No. TN/MA/W/10 Add. 2. This revised submission was subsequently included in the Annex listing the formula methodologies in the revision of the WTO Secretariat's compilation presented to Members on 1 April 2003 *vide* Document No. TN/MA/6 Rev. 1

It may also be mentioned that on 16 May 2003 the Chairman of the Negotiating Group on Market Access submitted on his own responsibility a set of draft modalities for Members consideration. These drafts, circulated *vide* Doucment No. TN/MA/W/35 is presently being discussed.

India's tariff reduction proposal *inter-alia* required a simple percentage cut on bound tariffs of each Member, with a higher percentage to be set for developed countries than the percentage set for developing countries. Additionally, Members were required not to impose tariff on any product in excess of three times their average tariff. The average for this purpose was to be calculated after effecting the tariff reduction.

While India did not specify what the reduction percentage would be for developed and developing countries, as an illustration the reduction on different tariff lines using a 50-33.33% and 45-30% ratio was included in the paper.

For unbound tariff lines, it was proposed that developing countries could bind them at the highest of the bound rates in a Member's tariff schedule or at the applied rate on a cut off date whichever was higher.

Integral to the Indian proposal were also two provisions as special and differential measures for developing countries. These were (a) flexibility to decide individual tariff bindings on at least 15% of the bound tariff lines, on the understanding that the overall percentage reduction will be achieved; and (b) at least up to 10% of the presently unbound tariff lines considered sensitive or strategically important for a developing country could continue to be left unbound.

Demolition of cell phone towers in Delhi

*19. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representation from the NDMC seeking the opinion on demolishing 12 cell phone towers in Delhi, which were declared unsafe;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expected impact on the cell phone companies, which are using the towers for their business purpose?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has sought the views of the Government on the issue of installation of 12 communication towers which have been erected on buildings in Lutyen's Bungalow Zone (LBZ)